Cobolt

Owners Manual

Model 06-01 Series

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Cobolt 06-01 Series lasers

High performance diode laser modules and diode pumped solid-state lasers

405 nm
445 nm
473 nm
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515nm
532nm
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1. Introduction

The 06-01 Series lasers offer a compact form factor and a wide wavelength span in a plug and play format. The 06-01 Series utilizes the most ideal laser technology to achieve the wavelength while maintaining the same form factor. The two types of lasers in the series are the Cobolt MLD (Modulated Laser Diode) and Cobolt DPL (Diode Pumped Lasers).

Cobolt MLD lasers are visible-wavelength direct semiconductor diode laser modules, capable of operating in both pulsed and continuous-wave modes. Electronics boards within the Laser Head allow the MLD lasers diode to be modulated at high speed using an external signal.

Cobolt DPL lasers are visible-wavelength diode pumped solid state lasers, capable of operating in continuous-wave mode only.

The Cobolt lasers are intended for stand-alone use in laboratory environment or for integration into instrumentation equipment used e.g. in flow cytometry, fluorescence microscopy, particle & flow analysis, DNA sequencing, interferometry and Raman spectroscopy.

2. Safety

2.1. General

All Cobolt 06-01 Series lasers, including all Cobolt MLD™ and Cobolt DPL™ models, are Class IIIB (CDRH), Class 3B (IEC) laser products that emit less than 500 mW of laser radiation within the visible spectrum.

Eye and skin exposure to direct or reflected laser light is hazardous and may be extremely harmful. Always wear eye protection appropriate to the beam wavelength and intensity. The device must be handled by skilled personnel with experience of lasers, in a laboratory environment and with access to adequate laser safety equipment. The Laser Head clearly displays a yellow warning label that shows the location of the laser beam aperture. This label must be visible unless the laser beam is totally enclosed.

The table below described the irradiance in W/cm^2 and appropriate level of eye protection in terms of optical density (OD) for each product line.

Product	Nominal Output Power (mW)	Irradiance (W/cm^2)*	Eye protection Requirement**
Cobolt MLD™ 405 nm	250	97	> OD 4
Cobolt MLD™ 445 nm	80	31	> OD 4
Cobolt MLD™ 473 nm	100	39	> OD 3
Cobolt MLD™ 488 nm	200	78	> OD 4
Cobolt MLD™ 515 nm	60	23	> OD 3
Cobolt DPL™ 532 nm	200	78	> OD 3
Cobolt DPL™ 561 nm	100	19	> OD 3
Cobolt MLD™ 638 nm	140	54	> OD 3
Cobolt MLD™ 660 nm	100	39	> OD 3

MLD = modulated laser diode DPL = diode pumped laser

* Irradiance (W/cm2) = 110% of Nominal Power (W) ÷ Beam Area at bottom tolerance (cm2)
** Eye protection (OD) = Log_{10}(60825-1 Emission Limit : Class 1 (W) ÷ Max Power (W)) , rounded up to the next integer.

2.1.1 Fiber pigtailed 06-03

Based on 60825-1 Laser Safety standard the accessible emission from any laser must be considered at a viewing distance of 100mm. At that distance the beam diameter of a divergent beam exiting from a fiber pigtailed laser will always be greater than the 'Beam Area at bottom tolerance (cm2)' of the collimated beam used in the calculations above, therefore the irradiance (W/cm^2) will also be lower.

CAUTION - use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

2.2. Safety features

Interlock

The laser is equipped with a remote interlock that prevents current flowing through the diode when it is open. See section 5.3 for a detailed description of the interlock.

Mechanical shutter

The Laser Head is equipped with a mechanical shutter that blocks light emission. The open and closed positions of the shutter are indicated on the Laser Head.

Key switch

The CDRH model comes with a Control Box which must be connected for the laser to operate. When the key is off, the diode is prevented from emitting. The key must be actively turned to the ON position each time the laser is powered on.

Information LEDs

The Control Box which is part of the CDRH models incorporates information LEDs which display whether power is connected, the laser is on, or a fault has occurred. The “LASER ON” LED is illuminated whenever the device is emitting or could emit light.

2.3. Equipment Safety

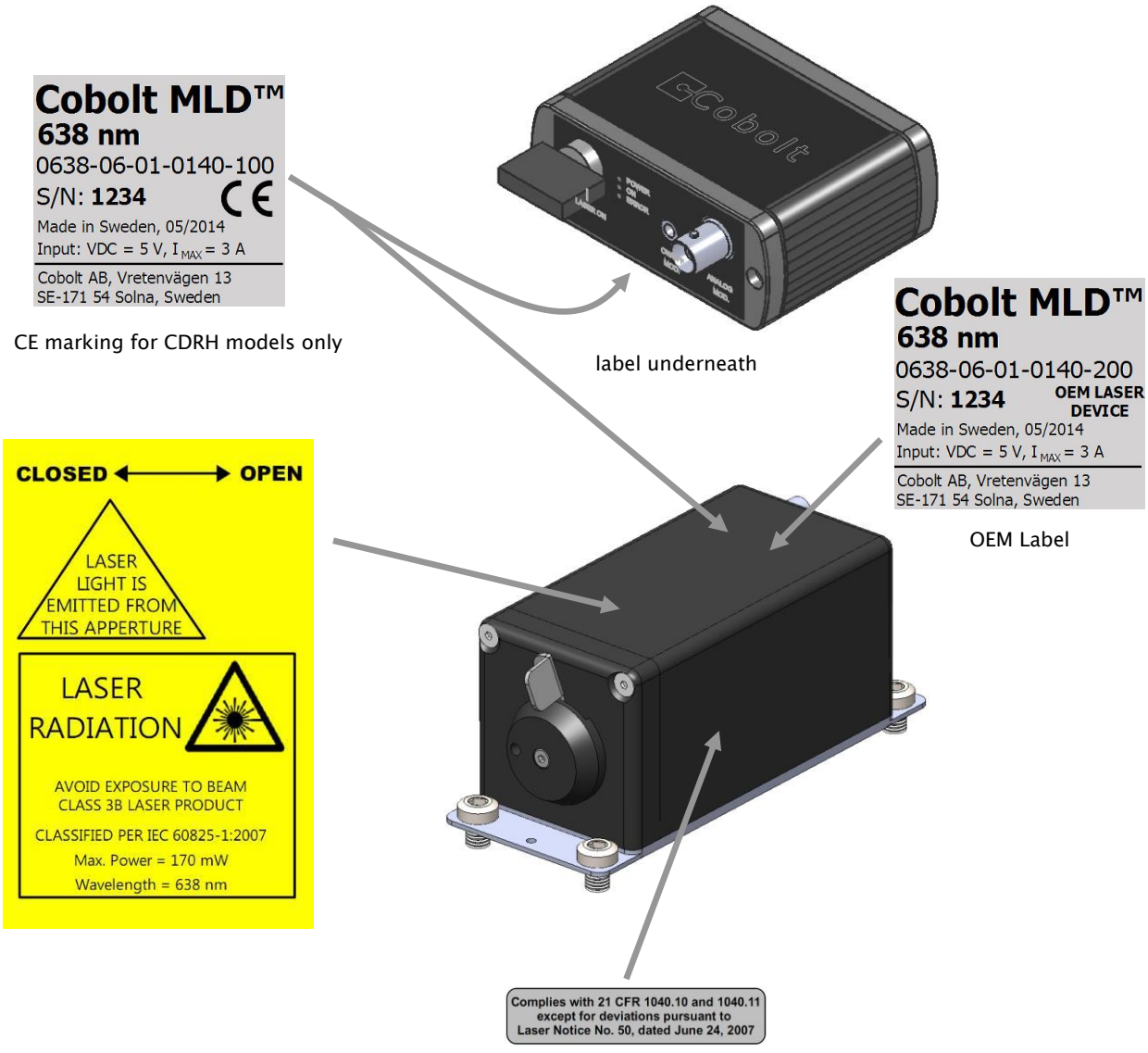
Always install the laser system to a properly grounded power outlet. Cobolt lasers contain a laser diode which is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

Laser light reflected directly back into the laser head can be damaging to the laser diode.

2.4. Warning and identification labels

The upper face of the Laser Head contains a yellow label with laser safety warning and classification information, the wavelength and maximum power of the unit. It also shows the location of the laser beam from the aperture and indicates the open and closed positions of the manual shutter. This label must be visible unless the laser beam is totally enclosed. There is a silver label showing information about the laser model and manufacturer, and the power supply voltage and current, is located both on the laser head and on the bottom of the Control Box.

2.3.1 MLD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Made in Sweden, 05/2014
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Cobolt AB, Vretenvägen 13
SE-171 54 Solna, Sweden
CE marking for CDRH models only
label underneath
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638 nm
0638-06-01-0140-200
S/N: 1234
OEM LASER DEVICE
Made in Sweden, 05/2014
Input: VDC = 5 V, I MAX = 3 A
Cobolt AB, Vretenvägen 13
SE-171 54 Solna, Sweden
OEM Label
CLOSED OPEN
LASER LIGHT IS EMITTED FROM THIS APPERTURE
LASER RADIATION
AVOID EXPOSURE TO BEAM
CLASS 3B LASER PRODUCT
CLASSIFIED PER IEC 60825-1:2007
Max. Power = 170 mW
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CDRH models shipped to USA

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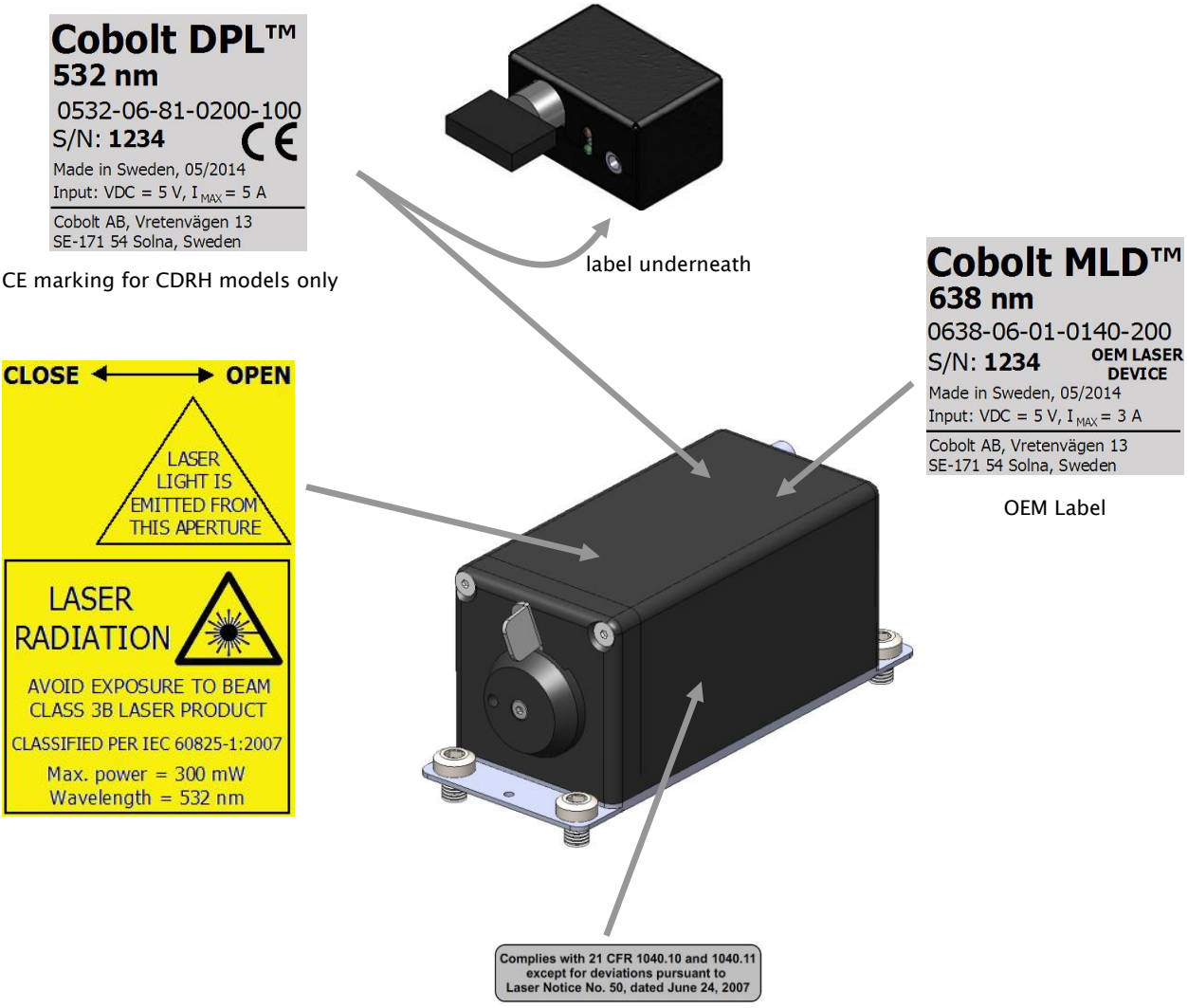
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Cobolt AB, Vretenvägen 13
SE-171 54 Solna, Sweden
CLOSE
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LASER RADIATION
AVOID EXPOSURE TO BEAM
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Wavelength = 532 nm
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CE marking for CDRH models only

OEM Label

CDRH models shipped to USA

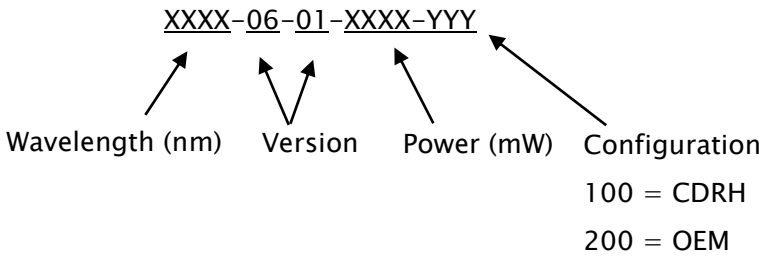
3. Overview

3.1. Model Number

The 06-01 Series lasers are sold in two configurations: CDRH and OEM, described below. The models numbers are composed as described below.

3.1.1 MLD

Free Beam:



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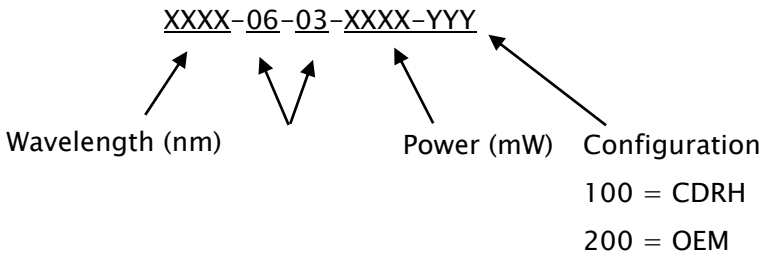
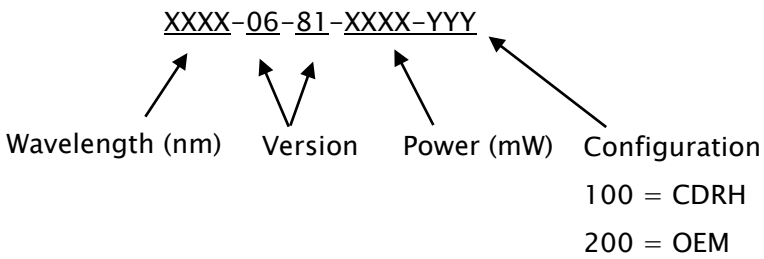


3.1.2 DPL



3.2. Configuration

3.2.1 CDRH

The laser is supplied with a Control Box, which must be connected, along with the interlock. Laser emission starts when the key is turned from the OFF position to the ON position. The status of operation can be monitored via LEDs on the Control Box. Setting the key to its OFF-position puts the laser in stand-by mode. **The CDRH model is CE and CDRH compliant.**

The CDRH model consists of:

- Laser Head
- Control Box
- Keys
- 5V power supply unit
- Interlock mono jack (for shorting interlock)
- USB communication cable

MLD with Control Box

DPL with Control Box

MLD

- 15-pin D-SUB male-male cable between laser head and control box.

DPL

- 6-pin Molex cable between laser head and control box.

3.2.2 OEM

The Laser Head is supplied without the Control Box. Connecting a 5 VDC power supply to the Laser Head initiates an automatic start-up sequence. If the interlock is connected, laser emission will start automatically as soon as power is supplied.

The OEM model consists of:

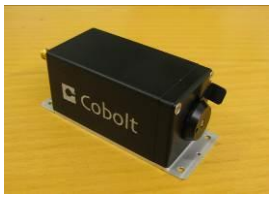
- Laser Head
- 5V power supply unit
- USB Communication cable

MLD

- Interlock mono jack (for short circuiting interlock)

DPL

- Interlock Molex connector (for short circuiting interlock)



Laser Head Only - OEM model

3.3. Laser Head

3.3.1 MLD

The Laser Head contains the laser diode, beam shaping optics, a thermoelectric cooler (TEC), and integrated control electronics boards. The laser assembly is also equipped with elements for temperature control of the pump diode, and the system contains an optical feed-back loop which measures the power of the emitted visual beam. The laser systems incorporates beam shaping optics to provide a collimated, circular beam of fixed diameter irrespective of wavelength.

The Laser Head features a manual mechanical shutter as well as a laser hazard label and a laser classification label. The Laser Head can take electrical power from either the power jack or 15-pin D-SUB connector. The D-SUB (OEM model only) and the mini-USB can each be used to communicate with the laser. In addition, the Laser Head features an SMA connector for the digital modulation input and a 2.5mm socket for the interlock.

3.3.2 DPL

The Laser Head contains diode pumped solid-state laser (DPSSL) with intra-cavity frequency doubling. The resonators are stabilized with a curved mirror, which provides a beam with excellent mode quality. The laser beam is expanded in a telescope. The residual IR radiation from the pump diode and the DPSS laser is contained within

the laser housing by filtering optics. The control electronics boards are integrated into the laser head assembly. The laser assembly is equipped with elements for temperature control of the cavity and pump diode. The laser also features an optical feed-back loop which ensures long-term power stability of the emitted visual beam. The Laser Head features a manual mechanical shutter as well as a laser hazard label and a laser classification label. The Laser Head can take electrical power from the power jack. The mini-USB is used to communicate with the laser. In addition, the Laser Head supplies a Molex 6-pin connection, of which the pin 1 and pin 2 are used for the interlock. See section 5.4 for further information on connector pin out.

3.4. Control Box

3.4.1 MLD

The optional Control Box allows the user to operate the laser with a CDRH-compliant key-switch. It also provides direct connections for analogue modulation and on/off modulation. The Control Box has LEDs to indicate the laser status. When power is supplied to the Laser Head, regardless of on/off or key-switch state, the temperature control elements will be active to reach set point values.

The status of the laser operation is given via LED indicators:

POWER	Green	Power is supplied.
ON	Orange	Laser emission is on. This light is always on in modulation mode if laser emission is possible.
ERROR	Red	An error has occurred.

3.4.2 DPL

The optional Control Box allows the user to operate the laser with a CDRH-compliant key-switch. The Control Box has LEDs to indicate the laser status. When power is supplied to the Laser Head, regardless of on/off or key-switch state, the temperature control elements will be active to reach set point values.

The status of the laser operation is given via LED indicators:

ON	Green	Laser emission is on.
ERROR	Red	An error has occurred.

3.5. Thermal management

To ensure operation within given specifications and for the warranty to be valid, the Laser Head must be attached to a heat sink. This value is the difference between the maximum allowed Laser Head base plate temperature (50°C) and the maximum specified ambient temperature at the air-heatsink interface (40°C), divided by the maximum power dissipated from the laser (12W for MLD, 20W for DPL). The mounting surface should be flat (within 0.05 mm over mounting surface. Under normal circumstances thermal heat compound is not required, however if the laser is operated in an area with a high ambient temperature it is recommended to use a compound between the Laser Head and the heat sink to provide good thermal contact. For assistance in thermal management and system integration, please contact Cobolt's technical support.

3.5.1 MLD

The MLD Laser Head must be attached to a heat sink providing a thermal resistance of < 0.8 K/W.

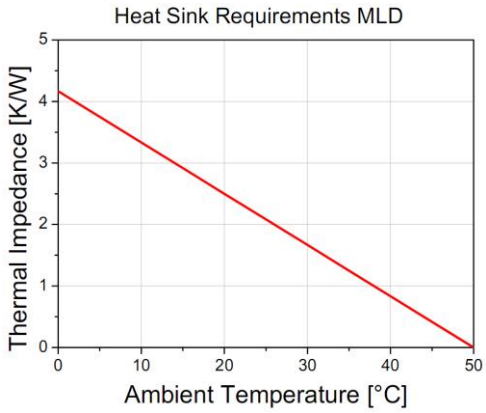


Figure 2.4.1 Heat Sink Requirements for MLD

3.3.2 DPL

The DPL Laser Head must be attached to a heat sink providing a thermal resistance of < 0.5 K/W.

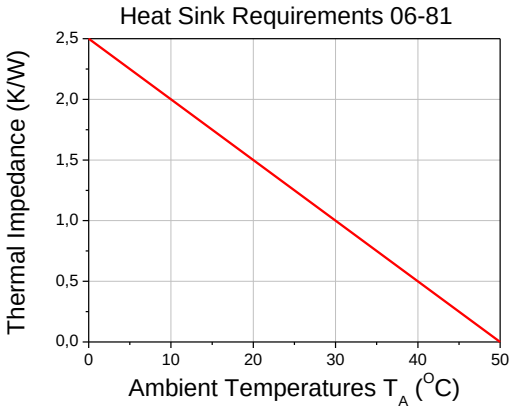


Figure 2.4.1 Heat Sink Requirements DPL

3.6. Power supply requirements

An appropriate Power Supply Unit (PSU) is supplied by Cobolt with the laser and can be plugged into a standard power outlet. The power supply accepts 90-264 VAC and 47-63 Hz. Ripple and noise 1% peak-peak max, 20 MHz bandwidth. Accepted voltage range for the Laser Head is (5.0 ± 0.5) VDC. Specification values are given at 5 VDC.

3.6.1 MLD

The output from the Cobolt supplied PSU is 5 VDC, and the maximum current is 3A (max 15W).

3.6.2 DPL

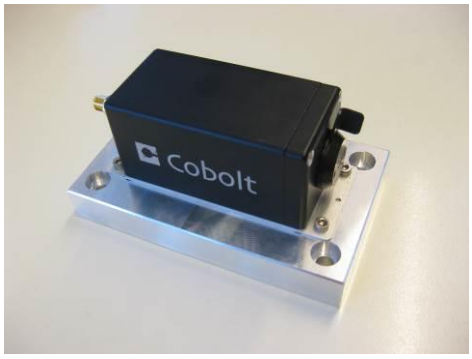
The output from the Cobolt supplied PSU is 5 VDC, and the maximum current is 5A (max 25W).

4. Quick start guide for CDRH model

4.1. MLD

4.1.1 Continuous-wave quick-start

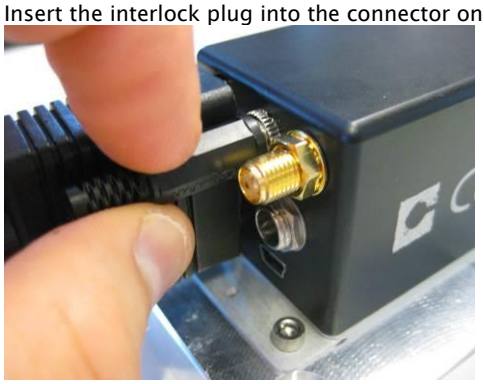
1. Mount the laser on a heat sink or suitable flat surface that provides adequate heat dissipation and connection to ground. Use the four holes on the laser's base plate to secure it.



2. Attach the 15-pin D-SUB cable to the Laser Head.

3. Attach the 15-pin D-SUB cable to the Control Box.

4. Insert the interlock plug into the connector on the Control Box.



5. Connect the supplied 5V power supply unit to the socket on the Laser Head, and plug it in to the mains.

6. To start the laser, turn the key on the Control Box clockwise to the ON position. If it is already in the ON position, turn it to OFF and then ON again. Light will be emitted as soon as the key is turned.

The laser will now start up in continuous-wave mode at its nominal maximum power level.

4.1.2 Modulation quick-start

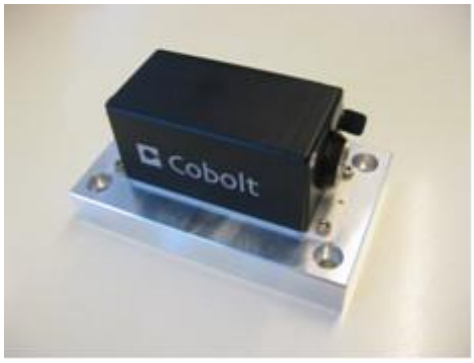
There are three ways of modulating the laser (digital, analogue, and on/off modulation), the simplest of which is the on/off modulation feature, which requires no data connection to the laser. Here is a quick guide to getting on/off modulation up and running. For a detailed guide to operating the laser in modulation modes see section 6.3.

1. Set your signal generator to give a square-wave with an amplitude of 5V peak-to-peak.
2. Connect the input from the signal generator to the socket labelled "ON/OFF MOD" on the Control Box via a 3.5 mm stereo plug (section 6.3 contains details on wiring the plug).
3. When the system is connected to a signal generator it will automatically enter on/off modulation mode. When an input signal is received the laser will begin modulating (5 V = on, 0 V = off). The peak power is set by default to the laser's nominal maximum power.
4. To return to continuous-wave mode, disconnect the connector from the "ON/OFF MOD" socket, then restart the laser by turning the key off and on again.

4.2. DPL

4.1.1 Continuous-wave quick-start

1. Mount the laser on a heat sink or suitable flat surface that provides adequate heat dissipation and connection to ground. Use the four holes on the laser's base plate to secure it.



2. Attach the 6-pin Molex cable to the Laser Head. Be sure the orange arrow is facing the top (labelled) side of the laser head.

3. Attach the 6-pin Molex cable to the Control Box. Be sure the sure the orange arrow is facing the top side of the control box. Once the Molex cable has been inserted special tooling is required to remove it. Attempts to remove it by force may damage the cable.

4. Insert the interlock plug into the connector on the Control Box.

5. Connect the supplied 5V power supply unit to the socket on the Laser Head, and plug it in to the mains.

6. To start the laser, turn the key on the Control Box clockwise to the ON position. If it is already in the ON position, turn it to OFF and then ON again. Light will be emitted when the TECs have stabilized. Once the key is turned it can take seconds for the TECs to reach their set temperature, at which time the laser will begin to emit without further action from the user.

5. System description

5.1. Specifications

Disclaimer: Specifications are liable to change at Cobolt's discretion.

5.1.1 Optical

Product Name	MLD 405	MLD 445	MLD 473	MLD 488	MLD 515	DPL 532	DPL 561	MLD 638	MLD 660
Wavelength (nm)	405	445	473	488	515	532.1	561.2	638	660
Wavelength precision [1]	± 5 nm					± 0.3 nm		± 5 nm	
Output power (mW) [2]	100, 250	80	100	60, 200	60	100, 200	50, 100	140	100
Beam divergence, full angle (mrad)	< 1.1	< 1. 2		< 1.3		< 1.2		< 1.7	
Spatial mode	TEM_{00}, M^2 <1.2					TEM_{00}, M^2 <1.1		TEM_{00}, M^2 <1.2	
Beam diameter at aperture	700 ± 100 µm								
Polarization extinction ratio	> 100:1, vertical								
Beam symmetry	> 1:0.90					> 1:0.95		> 1:0.90	
Noise 250 Hz – 2 MHz (rms)	< 0.2 %					< 0.25 %		< 0.2 %	
Power stability over 8 hrs	< 1 %*					< 2 %		< 1 %*	
Spectral bandwidth (FWHM)	< 1.2 nm			<1.5 nm		<1 MHz		<1.2nm	
Beam position accuracy [3]	< 0.5 mm					< 0.25 mm		< 0.5 mm	
Beam angle accuracy [3]	< 5 mrad								

*CC mode MLD = modulated laser diode. DPL = diode pumped laser.

1. The wavelength for each unit is fixed at a value within the stated range. The wavelength is measured in air.
2. The output power can be adjusted using Cobolt Monitor software or using computer commands.
   Specifications are guaranteed at 100 % of nominal power.
3. Relative to bottom and side of base plate.

5.1.2 Operational and environmental requirements

	MLD	DPL
Power supply requirements	5VDC, 3A.	5VDC, 5A.
Communication protocol	USB and RS 232	USB
Ambient temperature & pointing [4]	< 5 µrad/°C	
Maximum baseplate temperature	50 °C	
Maximum heat dissipation of Laser Head	< 12 W	< 20 W
Warm-up time from complete "off"	< 3 min	
Laser Head heat sink thermal impedance at 40 °C ambient	< 0.8 K/W	< 0.5 K/W

4. Specified over a base plate temperature range of 20-50 °C (ambient 10-40 °C).

5.1.3 Modulation: MLD Only

Digital modulation bandwidth	DC – 150 MHz
Digital modulation Rise/Fall time	< 2.5 ns
Digital modulation extinction ratio (@10MHz)	> 10 000 000:1 (>70dB)
Analogue modulation bandwidth	DC-2 MHz
Analogue modulation extinction ration (@250kHz)	> 10 000 000:1 (>70dB)
Analogue modulation Rise/Fall time	< 300 ns
Remote ON-OFF frequency	DC-500 kHz
Remote ON-OFF extinction ratio	1:inf
Remote ON-OFF Rise/Fall time	< 300 ns

5.1.4 Mechanical

	MLD	DPL
Laser Head dimensions	100x40x40 mm	
Weight	< 0.2 kg	< 0.3 kg

5.1.5 Electrical interfaces: MLD model

Interface	Location	Connector type
Input power	Laser Head	DC plug 2.5 mm / 5.5 mm female
Interlock	Laser Head	2.5 mm TRS audio female
Data port	Laser Head	USB-type mini B
Control Box connector / Data port	Laser Head	VGA D-sub 15-pin male
Digital modulation	Laser Head	SMA female
Laser Head connector	Control Box	VGA D-sub 15-pin male
Data port	Control Box	DE-9 D-sub 9-pin male
On/off modulation	Control Box	3.5 mm TRS audio female
Analog modulation	Control Box	BNC female

5.1.6 Electrical interfaces: DPL model

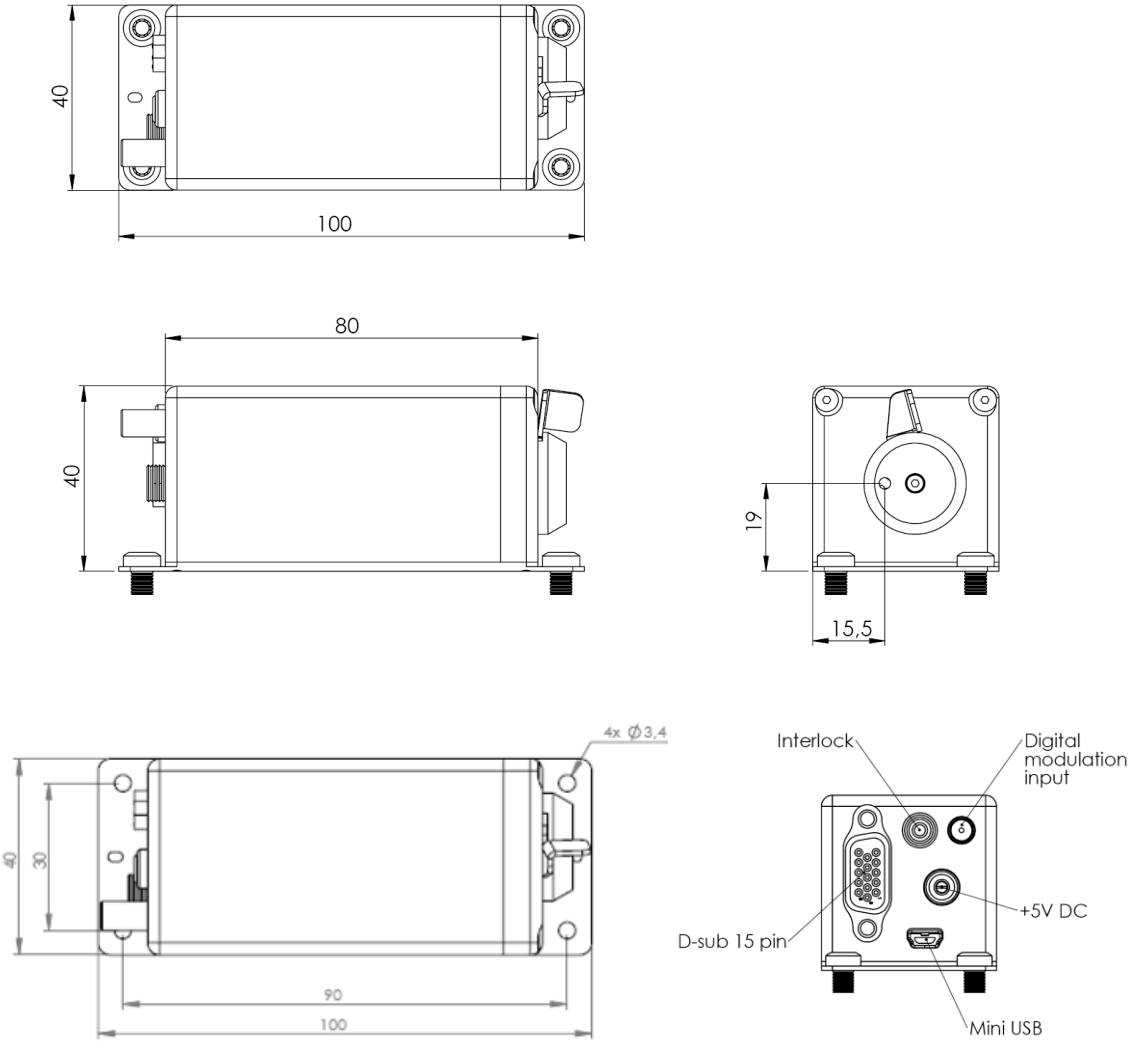
Interface	Location	Connector type
Input power	Laser Head	DC plug 2.5 mm / 5.5 mm female
Interlock	Laser Head	Molex 90130-3206 connector (pin 1 and 2).
Data port	Laser Head	USB-type mini B

5.2. Diagram

Diagrams are shown below of the Laser Head and Control Box, showing dimensions (in mm) and connectors.

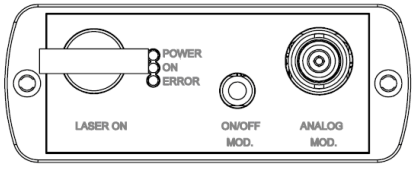
5.2.1 MLD

Laser Head

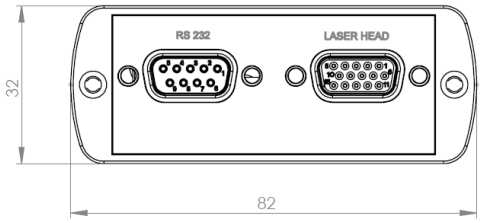


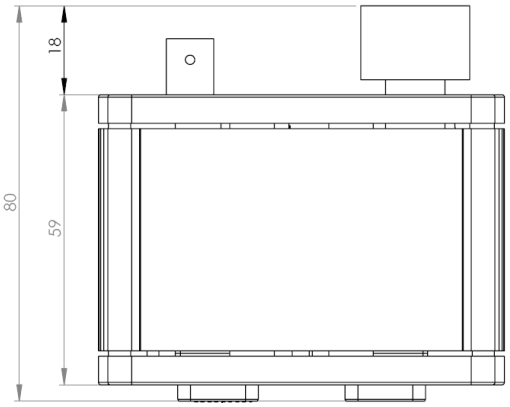
Control Box

Frontpanel



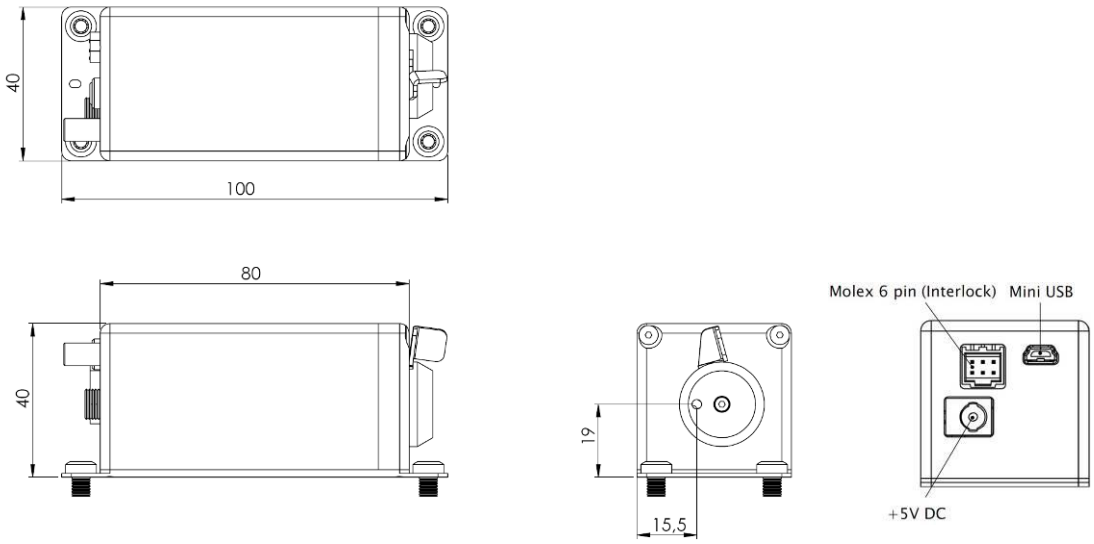
Rearpanel





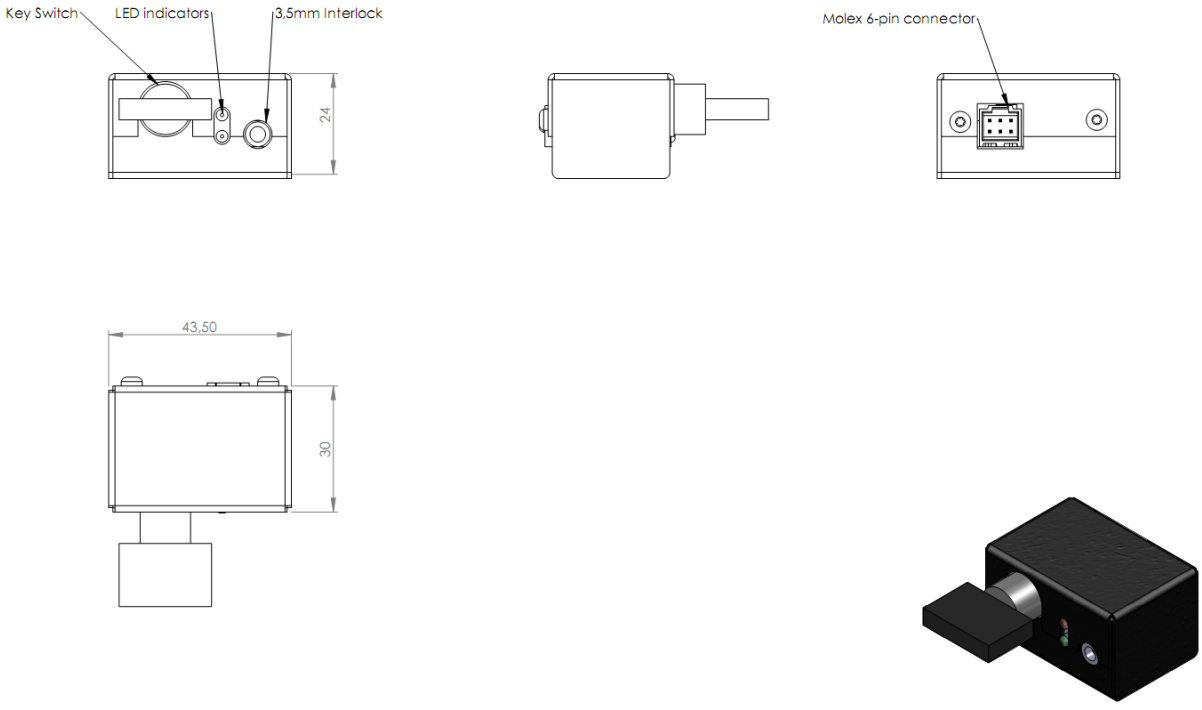
5.2.2 DPL

Laser Head



! Note: the Molex 6 pin orientation on the laser head is inverted with respect to the drawing in section 5.4.2.

Control Box

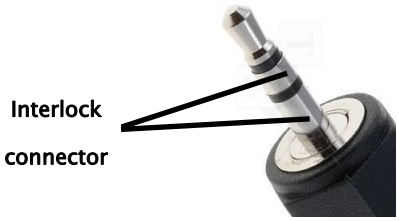


5.3. Interlock

The laser is equipped with an interlock that prevents current flowing through the diode when the circuit is open. The interlock socket is located on the back of Laser Head. The laser is supplied with mating plug which will close the interlock. The lasers is sold with a mono plug that allows the interlock

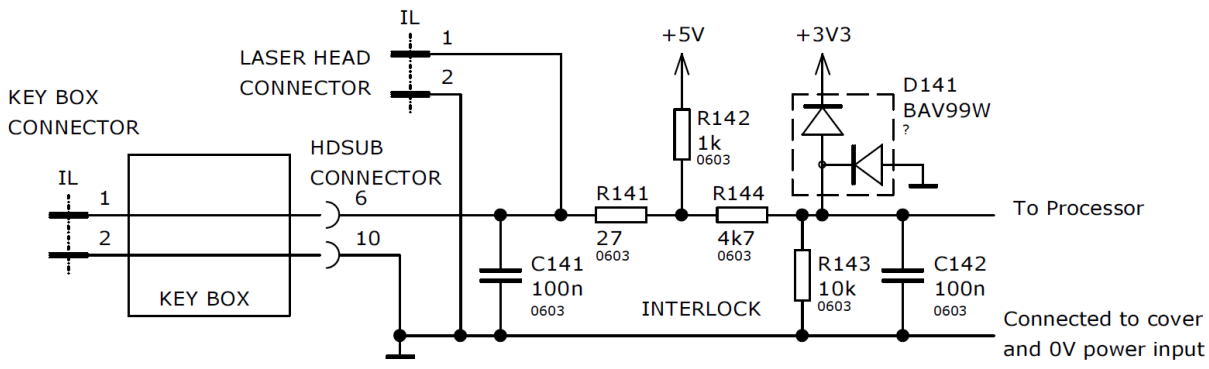
5.3.1 MLD

The MLD interlock is a 2.5 mm female stereo (TRS) audio socket. The ring and sleeve (see figure) must be connected for the laser to operate. The interlock should not be used as a modulation switch. The on/off modulation feature is designed for this purpose.



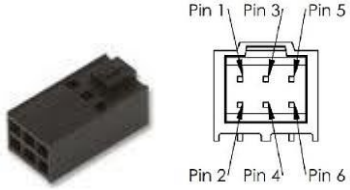
To use the interlock with an external switch, connect a stereo plug instead. After the interlock has been opened the laser will need to be reset before it can be used again. After closing the interlock, turn the key to the OFF position and back ON again (CDRH model only). This can also be achieved with the command “@cob1”.

When the interlock signal is disconnected from the system ground (0V) the laser diode switches off. After closing the Interlock again to ground, the function can be resumed via computer control or by resetting the power supply or key switch (CDRH model). The signal level is between 0V and +5V with a pull up resistor (R142/R141), and the current required to ground the interlock is 5 mA. The time delay in the hardware is < 1 ms, but after filtering by the firmware the reaction time is extended to < 20 ms. A diagram of the interlock electronics is shown below.

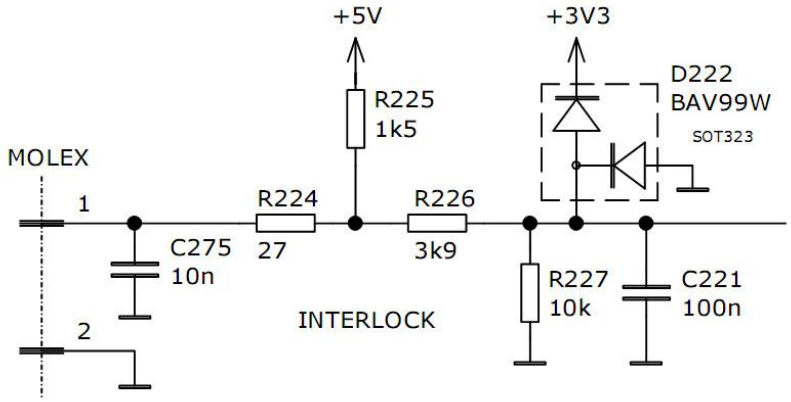


5.3.2 DPL

The OEM configuration the DPL interlock is located at pin 1 and 2 of the Molex connector on the back side of the laser head. To use the interlock with an external switch, connect a pin 1 and 2 on a Molex plug. In the CDRH configuration the DPL is provided with a 3.5mm mono plug. In order to control the interlock remotely a 3.5mm stereo plug is required. The ring and sleeve (see figure) must be connected for the laser to operate



After the interlock has been opened the laser will need to be reset before it can be used again. The signal level is between 0V and +5V with a pull up resistor (R225/R224), and the current required to ground the interlock is 5 mA. The time delay in the hardware is <1ms, but after filtering by the firmware the reaction time is extended to < 20ms. A diagram of the interlock electronics is shown below.



5.4. Direct ON/OFF Control (DPL Only)

Direct On/Off function as described here is only available with DPL modes. For a similar function in MLD models see section 6.3:Modulation for information on ON/OFF modulation. The Direct On/Off Control feature enables turning the laser ON/OFF using a 5-12 VDC signal. After having configured the Controller for Direct Control operation (factory set or by executing @cobasdr 1), the laser can only start-up when 5-12V VDC (max 12.5 VDC) is applied to pin 3 on the Molex connector with 0 VDC on pin 2 as reference. Shifting the signal to 0 VDC on pin 3 will turn the laser off and put the laser in stand-by mode (status LED is POW and not flashing). This input only controls the

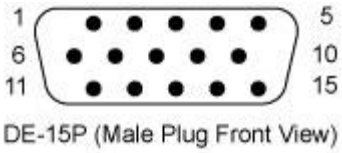
on/off state of the laser and cannot be used to modulate the power output. A diagram of the direct control electronics is shown below. The interlock connection between pin 1 and 2 must also be made as described above.

5.5. Pin assignment

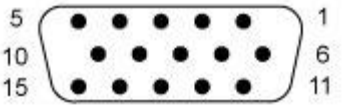
5.4.1 MLD

The pin configuration for the 15-pin D-SUB on the MLD Laser Head and control box are described in the table below.

Pin	MLD model
1	LED1 (Laser on)
2	LED2 (Error)
3	Analogue modulation
4	0V (ref pin 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,11,12)
5	Key + Boot loader
6	Interlock
7	RS232TX
8	RS232RX
9	Spare
10	0V GND (ref pin 15)
11	On/off modulation
12	VBUS
13	*Not used*
14	*Not used*
15	+5V input



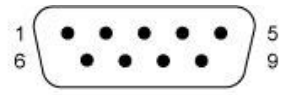
DE-15P (Male Plug Front View)



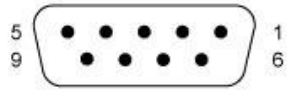
DE-15S (Female Socket Front View)

The pin configuration for the RS-232 socket on the MLD control box.

Pin	MLD model
1	*Not connected*
2	RS232TX
3	RS232RX
4	*Not connected*
5	GND
6	*Not connected*
7	*Not connected*
8	*Not connected*
9	VBUS



DE-09P (Male Plug Front View)

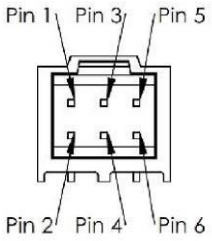


DE-09S (Female Socket Front View)

5.4.2 DPL

The Molex 90130-3206 pin configuration on the DPL Laser Head and control box is described in the table below. Note the pin orientation with respect to the lock on the socket. The socket on the laser head is inverted when compared to the figure below, pin 6 in on the top right.

Pin	DPL model
1	Interlock
2	0V - Ground
3	Remote On/Off (+5V Input)
4	Key Switch
5	LED 1 (Laser On)
6	LED 2 (Error)



6. Operations instructions

6.1. Start-up procedure

6.1.1 MLD

When delivered, MLD lasers are by default set to continuous-wave, constant current mode. As soon as power is supplied to the Laser Head the auto-start procedure will begin. Light will be emitted once the interlock is connected, the shutter is open and when the key is turned to the ON position (CDRH model).

Start-up operation

If you have the CDRH model, see the quick start guide (section 4) for a pictorial guide to connecting up the laser. The procedure for starting the laser is given below.

1. Mount the Laser Head on a suitable heat sink (see section 3.5).
2. Insert the interlock into the Laser Head.
3. **CDRH model**: Connect the laser to the Control Box using the 15-pin D-SUB cable.
4. Apply 5V DC to either the power supply connector or the appropriate pins on the laser's D-SUB (see pin assignment in section 5.4).
5. **CDRH model**: The POWER LED is illuminated.
6. **CDRH model**: Turn key switch to start the laser.
7. The laser starts (light is emitted). The power and wavelength may continue to drift for up to 3 minutes while the thermoelectric cooler (TEC) stabilizes.
8. **CDRH model**: the ON LED is illuminated.

Closedown operation

1. **CDRH model:** Turn the key to the OFF position.
2. Disconnect PSU from mains outlet.
3. Disconnect Laser Head from PSU.
4. **CDRH model**: Disconnect Laser Head from Control Box (only required for shipping).

6.1.2 DPL

When delivered, DPL lasers are by default set in constant power mode. As soon as power is supplied to the Laser Head the auto-start procedure will begin. Light will be emitted once the interlock is connected, the shutter is open and when the key is turned to the ON position (CDRH model).

Start-up operation

1. Mount the Laser Head on a suitable heat sink (see section 3.5).
2. **CDRH model:** Insert the interlock into the control box.

3. **OEM model:** Insert the interlock into the laser head
4. Apply 5 VDC to the power supply connector on the laser head.
5. **CDRH model**: Turn key switch to start the laser
6. **CDRH model**: Once the TECs have stabilized the ON LED is illuminated.
7. The laser starts (light is emitted). The power and wavelength may continue to drift for up to 3 minutes while the thermoelectric coolers (TECs) stabilize.

Closedown operation

1. **CDRH model:** Turn the key to the OFF position.
2. Disconnect PSU from mains outlet.
3. Disconnect Laser Head from PSU.

6.2. Continuous wave

6.2.1 MLD

The laser has two continuous-wave operating modes: constant power and constant current. The default mode for Cobolt MLD lasers when shipped is constant current. In constant current mode the laser runs at a set current level. In constant power mode the power is monitored on an internal photodiode, and this is used to regulate the current to maintain a constant power level.

When continuous-wave operation is desired it is recommended to operate in constant current mode, since the power is more stable over long periods and the noise is equal. The specification parameters are not guaranteed over time periods of greater than 8hrs for constant power mode.

The constant power and constant current set points can be changed using the Cobolt Monitor MLD software 'calibrate' function or via RS-232 commands. The constant power monitor loop can also be calibrated using the software. Before running the laser in constant power mode over short periods (<8hrs) re-calibrate the power. When running the laser over longer periods in constant current mode it is recommended to re-calibrate at regular intervals.

6.2.2 DPL

The laser can only operate in continuous-wave mode. There are two operating modes: constant power and constant current. The default mode for Cobolt DPL lasers when shipped is constant power. In constant power mode the power is monitored on an internal photodiode, and this is used to regulate the current to maintain a constant power level. In constant current mode the laser runs at a set current level.

It is recommended to operate in constant power mode, since the power is more stable over long periods and the noise is lower. The specification parameters are not guaranteed for constant current mode.

6.3. Modulation

6.3.1 MLD

Which modulation type to use?

The Cobolt MLD has three different modulation methods: on/off, digital and analogue. These three modes aim to cover most applications the user may have, and they each have very different specifications. Below is a brief guide to deciding which modulation type to use.

- **On/off modulation** is quick to set up and requires no computer connection. It allows for the highest extinction ratio. Use this mode if you are modulating at speeds below 500 kHz in a square wave.
- **Digital modulation** allows for extremely fast modulation speeds of up to 150 MHz with a rise time of under 2.5 ns. Use digital modulation if you are modulating at high speeds in a square wave.
- **Analog modulation** is not as fast as digital (2MHz), but has the advantage that the user can drive the laser with arbitrary waveforms. Use this mode if you require arbitrary pulse shapes.

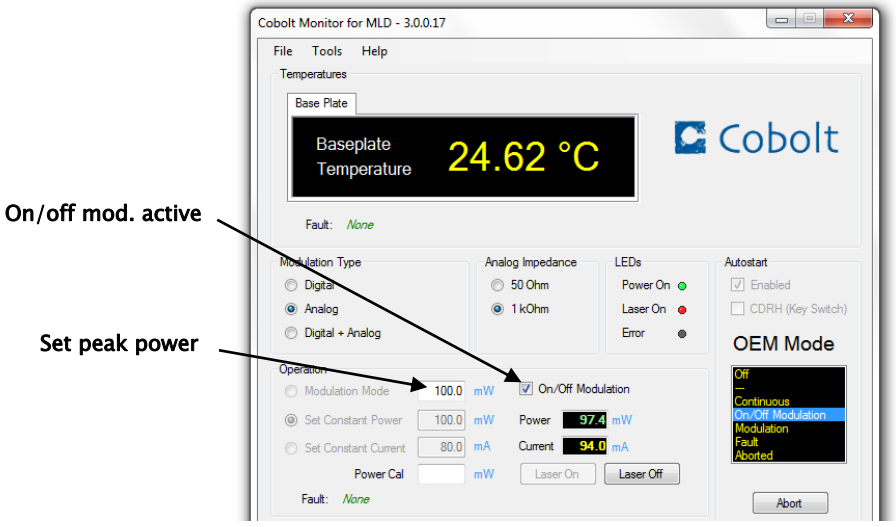
These types of modulation can be used simultaneously in any combination to give complicated output shapes such as pulse bursts. These combinations are dealt with separately at the end of this section. Switching between modes can be done using the Cobolt Monitor MLD software or with RS-232 commands (except for on/off modulation, which is activated automatically when connected). The modes are described in detail below.

On/off modulation

On/off modulation is the simplest modulation mode, and can be used out of the box with no connection to a computer. It allows the user to completely shut off the diode between pulses, giving it a theoretically infinite extinction ratio. It does however have the narrowest bandwidth and slowest switching times of the three modulation modes. The on/off modulation feature can be accessed via a socket on the control Box (CDRH model) or pin 11 on the Laser Head's D-SUB (OEM model).

The on/off modulation socket is connected to a floating voltage line. When this line is grounded or forced to zero, the laser automatically enters on/off modulation mode in the off state. The laser will remain in on/off mode until the laser is restarted. Note that only a very small current (< 500 µA) must flow in order to ground the circuit. A 0-5 V TTL signal should be applied to modulate the laser, and the duty cycle is set by the input signal. The on/off modulation socket takes a 3.5 mm stereo audio plug. The plug should be connected as shown in the figure below.

In the Cobolt Monitor MLD there is a tick box "On/Off Modulation", which indicates when on/off modulation is active. When this is the case, all other modes are greyed out (although the previous mode remains checked, as the laser remembers which mode it was in previously). The laser automatically detects when an on/off modulation signal is present and enters on/off modulation mode, so there is no need for the user to check the "On/Off Modulation" box manually. In the box to the left of this tick box the user can set the peak power level that the laser will modulate up to. This is set in the factory to the laser's nominal maximum power level. If the laser is in analogue or digital modulation mode when it enters on/off modulation mode, the laser will operate in both simultaneously. See below for more information about modulation mode combinations.



Cobolt Monitor MLD software when the laser is operating in on/off modulation mode

The on/off modulation feature should never be used as an interlock.

An interlock socket is provided for this purpose on the laser head.

Digital modulation

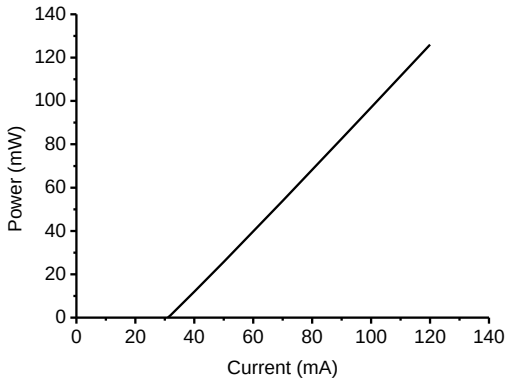
Digital modulation is the fastest modulation mode possible with the MLD laser; it has the largest bandwidth and shortest rise time. Digital modulation requires a 0-5V TTL input signal applied to the digital modulation input female SMA connector on the Laser Head, and the duty cycle is set by the input signal. The diode current is modulated in a square wave.

To enter digital modulation mode using the Cobolt Monitor MLD software, select "Modulation Mode" under Operation, and "Digital" under Modulation Type. Using the box to the right of the "Modulation Mode" check box, you can set the peak power level that the laser will modulate up to. This is set in the factory to the laser's nominal maximum power level.

Analogue modulation

Analogue modulation allows direct control of the laser power by an input signal. This allows the laser to be modulated with arbitrary pulse shapes at limited bandwidth. To enter analogue modulation mode using the Cobolt Monitor MLD software, select "Modulation Mode" under Operation, and "Analogue" under Modulation Type. The input signal should be connected to the Analogue BNC connector on the Control Box (CDRH model) or the dedicated pins on the 15-pin D-SUB (OEM model). The laser is calibrated so that a 1 V input gives 100 % of the laser's nominal power level for modulation frequencies from DC-300 kHz (a higher voltage may be required to modulate at higher frequencies – see below). Note that the laser may give more power if a voltage larger than 1 V is used. Although the current is clamped to a safe current limit to prevent damage, the user must nevertheless avoid overdriving the diode so that it gives more than the nominal power level (specifications and diode lifetime are not guaranteed above the power, which is stated on the silver sticker on the Laser Head). It is highly recommended that the user measures the input voltage over the Laser Head when setting up analogue modulation.

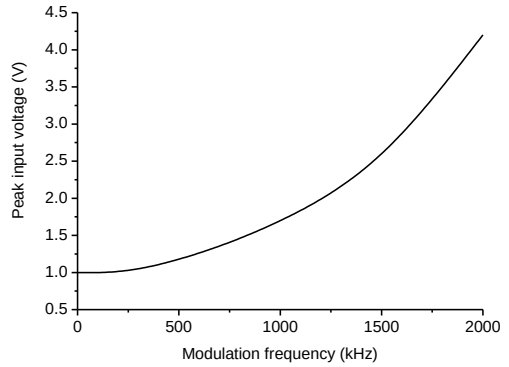
When the laser is modulated from 0 to 1 V, the current through the laser diode is modulated from slightly above zero to the current that gives the laser's nominal power. The laser diode has a threshold current below which no laser light is emitted, and above which the optical power is approximately linear with current. The figure below contains a typical power vs. current graph for a 405 nm MLD laser, showing this behavior. When modulating with an arbitrary waveform, the user should use a DC offset on the signal generator such that the laser is modulated from this threshold point to the desired maximum signal level. The threshold level varies between laser models and from unit-to-unit, but the user can find it by applying a variable DC voltage to the analogue modulation input and looking for the lowest voltage where laser light is emitted. The amplitude and DC offset of the input signal should then be set so that it modulates from this point up to 1 V. Note that although the diode does not emit laser radiation below threshold, it still emits some light; modulating from 0 V will therefore give the best possible extinction ratio.



Power vs. Current for a typical 405 nm MLD laser

The user is given the choice of two impedance values for the laser's analogue modulation circuit: 1 kOhm and 50 Ohm. The impedance value can be toggled either in the Cobolt Monitor MLD software or by RS-232 commands. The default impedance is set to 1 kOhm, and for most cases it is recommended to use this value. When using a 50 Ohm signal generator, the rising and falling edges of the output may suffer ringing due to the impedance mismatch, a problem which can be solved by setting the impedance to 50 Ohm. Using the low impedance will cause more of the power to be dissipated in the signal generator, so in order to modulate up to full power the user should monitor the voltage across the laser device to ensure that it reaches 1 V.

To modulate at frequencies over 300 kHz, it is necessary to increase the voltage above 1 V. The figure below shows the typical input voltage required to achieve a peak power that is 100 % of the laser's nominal maximum power (assuming a sinusoidal input modulating from laser threshold).



Input voltage required to achieve 100 % peak power as a function of modulation frequency for a typical MLD laser

Modulation mode combinations

In addition to the three modulation modes described above, the Cobolt MLD can be operated under any combination of modes.

On/off + another mode

Any mode can be operated in combination with on/off modulation. When the laser is in modulation mode and a signal is input to the on/off modulation socket, the laser operates in both modes simultaneously. When the on/off input state is high, the laser behaves as if it were in digital or analogue mode, and when it is low the laser switches off regardless of the digital or analogue state. This is a useful way to produce a train of pulses.

Digital + Analogue

The MLD has a special mode for hybrid digital + analogue modulation. This can be accessed in the Cobolt Monitor MLD software under the Modulation Type option. In this mode, whenever the digital state is on, the laser runs at a power determined by the analogue voltage.

6.3.2 DPL

Modulation is not available for DPL lasers.

7. Operation via data port

7.1. Data port connections

7.1.1 MLD

There are three ways to connect the Cobolt 06-01 Series MLD laser to a data port (note that the user should avoid communicating via multiple interfaces simultaneously rather using one data port per interface). The data connections are located as follows:

- Mini-USB connection on the Laser Head for USB communication. The USB cable is provided with all MLDs.
- 15-pin D-SUB connection on the Laser Head (OEM model). For communication is via RS-232. See section 5.4 for the pin assignment, this cable is not standard and is not available from Cobolt.
- 9-pin D-SUB RS-232 connection on the Control Box (CDRH model). Communication is via RS-232. The Sub-D 9/RS-232 cable is a standard cable but is not provided by Cobolt.

7.1.2 DPL

The Cobolt 06-01 Series DPL laser can be connected to a data port via mini-USB connection on the Laser Head for USB communication. There is no RS-232 communication on the DPL. The USB cable is provided with all DPLs.

7.2. Baud rates & serial port settings

Each system is shipped from the factory with a fixed baud rate (115200), which cannot be changed in the field. The other serial port parameters are: 8 data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity. Hardware flow control is not supported. Each command must be terminated by a carriage return. All commands are case-sensitive. Leading and trailing white space is ignored, but command arguments must be delimited by a single space character (ASCII 32).

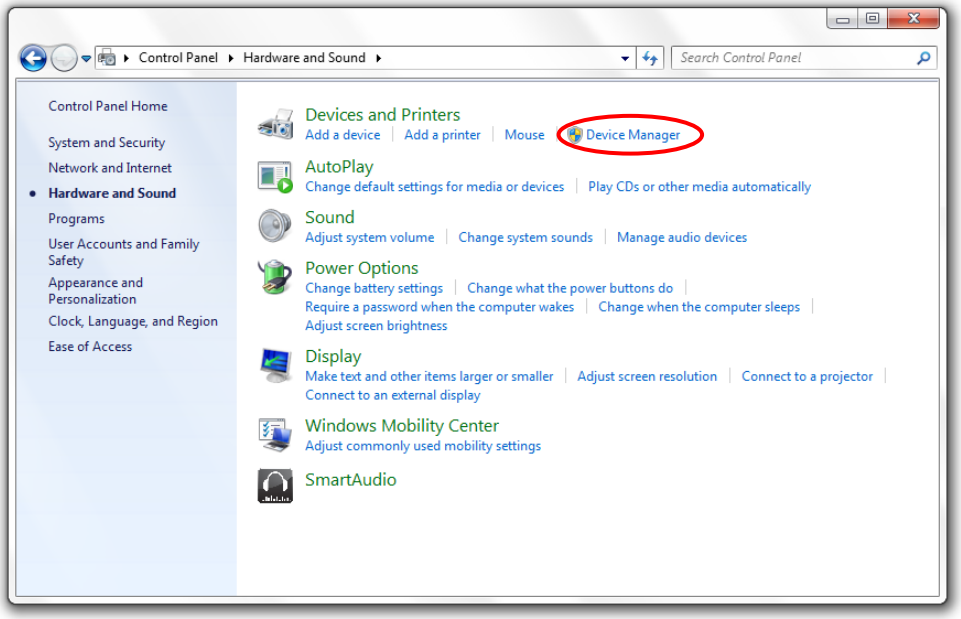
7.3. Handshaking

Under no circumstances does the system initiate communication; it only transmits characters in response to a message. Every message generates a response, either a numerical value or the acknowledgment string “OK”. In the event that the system receives a message that it cannot interpret, it responds: “Syntax error: illegal command”. Every system response is terminated by a carriage return (ASCII 13) and a full stop is used with floating numbers.

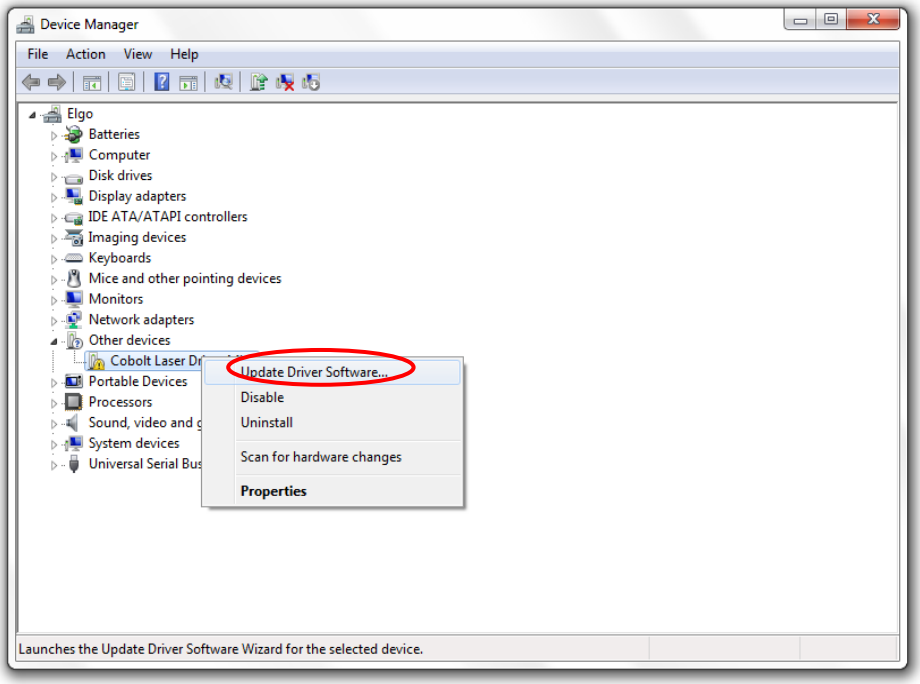
7.4. USB driver

The MLD and the DPL lasers use the same driver to connect to the laser via USB. The USB driver must be installed and can be downloaded from the Cobolt website (www.cobolt.se). When installed, a virtual COM port will be created to communicate with the laser. To install the USB driver in Windows 7 follow these instructions:

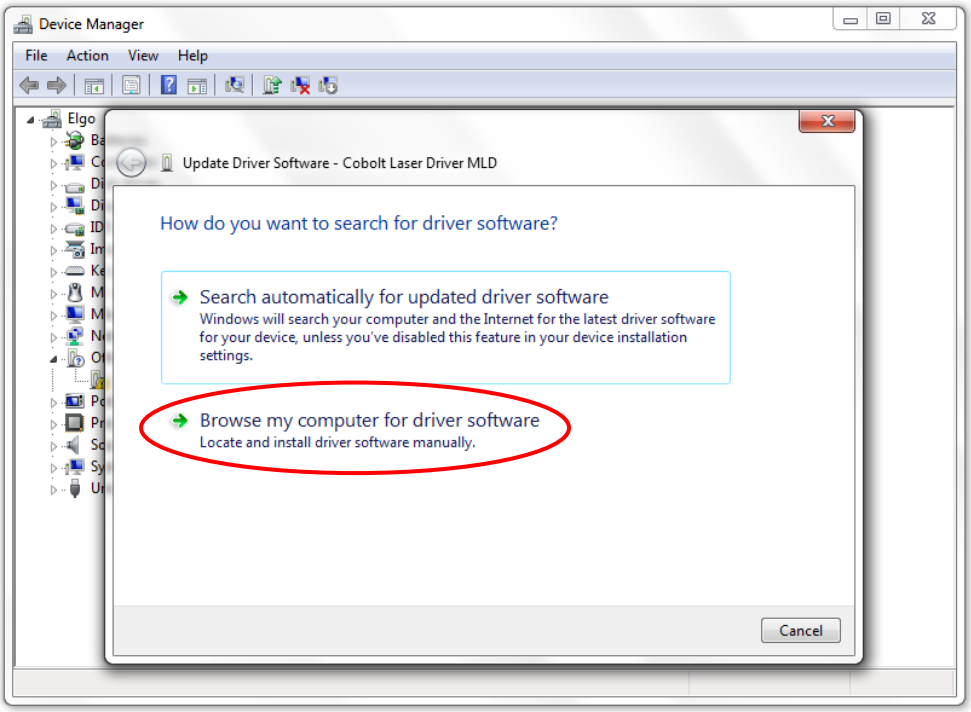
1. Go to the **Control Panel** and choose **Hardware and Sound**.



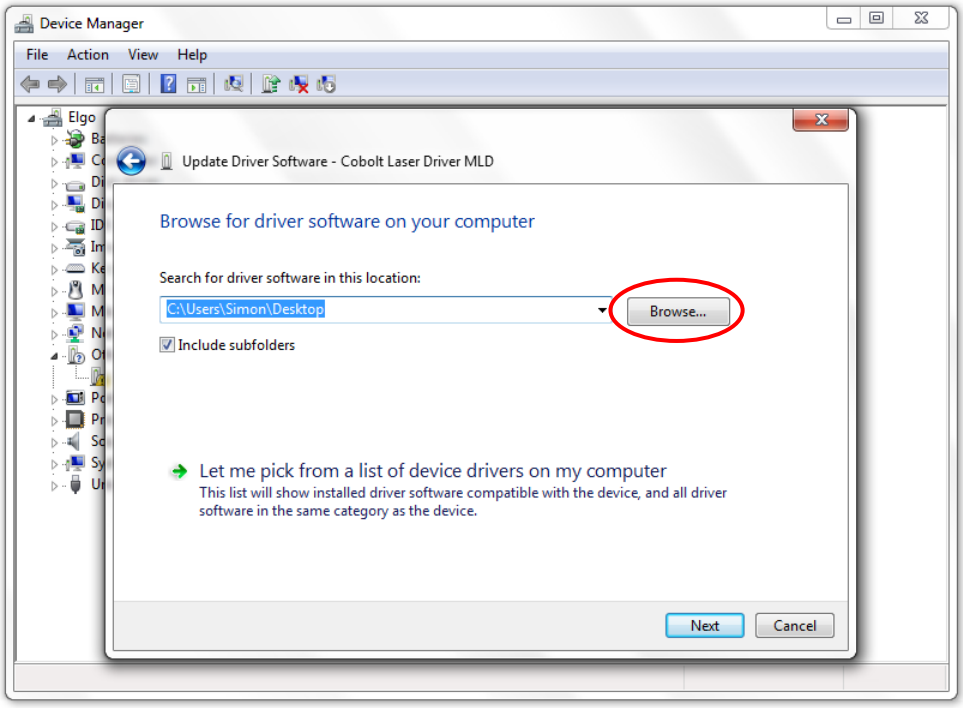
2. Under the **Devices and Printers** section, choose **Device Manager**.
3. Under **Other devices**, find the device called **Cobolt Laser Driver MLD/DPL**. Right-click it and chose **Update Driver Software**.



4. On the next screen chose the **Browse my computer for driver software** option.


Device Manager
File Action View Help
Update Driver Software - Cobolt Laser Driver MLD
How do you want to search for driver software?
Search automatically for updated driver software
Windows will search your computer and the Internet for the latest driver software for your device, unless you've disabled this feature in your device installation settings.
Browse my computer for driver software
Locate and install driver software manually.
Cancel

5. Click **browse**, and find folder on your computer where the USB driver is stored.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Search for driver software in this location:
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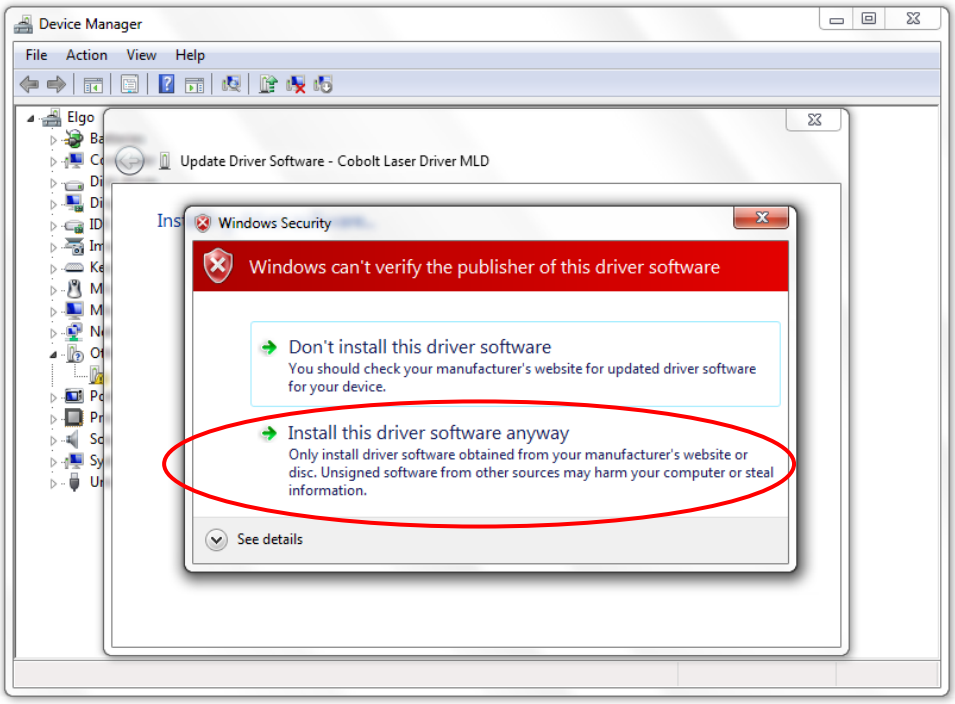
Browse...
Include subfolders
Let me pick from a list of device drivers on my computer
This list will show installed driver software compatible with the device, and all driver software in the same category as the device.
Next
Cancel

6. Windows security may warn you that the publisher of the driver is unverified. Choose **Install this driver software anyway**.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Windows Security
Windows can't verify the publisher of this driver software
Don't install this driver software
You should check your manufacturer's website for updated driver software for your device.
Install this driver software anyway
Only install driver software obtained from your manufacturer's website or disc. Unsigned software from other sources may harm your computer or steal information.
See details

7. The installation should now be complete.

7.5. Communication commands

The laser is set in auto-start mode when delivered (see section 6 for auto-start sequence description). For system integration the Auto-start sequence can be disabled (some commands require Auto-start disabled). All arguments are in lower case and separated by a space (ASCII 32).

For re-starting the laser with commands after having opened the remote interlock switch, execute "cf" for clear fault followed by "@cob1" to restart the laser. On CDRH models the key-switch is the only way to re-start.

The following command can be used with all 06-01 Series lasers.

Command	Function	Argument	Returned value
l?	Get laser ON/OFF state		0 = OFF 1 = ON
@cob1	Restart laser. Forces the laser on without checking if autostart is enabled.		
hrs?	Get Laser Head operating hours		Float
ilk?	Get interlock state		0 = OK 1 = interlock open
@cobas	Enable/disable autostart	0 = disable 1 = enable	
@cobas?	Get autostart enable state		0 = disabled 1 = enabled
l1	Laser ON Requires autostart disabled.		
l0	Laser OFF		
p?	Get output power set point		Float (W)
p	Set output power	Float (W)	
pa?	Read output power		Float (W)
i?	Get drive current		Float (mA)
slc	Set drive current	Float (mA)	
cp	Enter constant power mode		
ci	Enter constant current mode		
f?	Get operating fault		0 – no errors 1 – temperature error 3 – interlock error 4 – constant power time out
cf	Clear fault *		

gsn?	Get serial number		32-bit unasigned integer
@cobasky?	Get Key Switch enable state		0 = disabled 1 = enabled
@cobasky	Enable/disable key switch	0 = disable 1 = enable	

The following commands are valid on the DPL model only.

Command	Function	Argument	Returned value
@cobasdr	Enable/disable direct control See sect 8.4 for description (OEM models).	0 = disable, 1 = enable	
@cobasdr?	Get direct control enable state		0 = disabled 1 = enabled

The following commands are valid on the MLD model only.

Command	Function	Argument	Returned value
em	Enter modulation mode		
gdmes?	Get digital modulation enable state **		0 = disabled 1 = enabled
sdmes	Set digital modulation enable state **	0 = disable 1 = enable	
games?	Get analogue modulation enable state **		0 = disabled 1 = enabled
sames	Set analogue modulation enable state **	0 = disable 1 = enable	
galis?	Get analogue low impedance (50 Ω) state		0 = disabled 1 = enabled
salis	Set analogue low impedance (50 Ω) state	0 = disable 1 = enable	
gom?	Returns the current operating mode		0 – Off 1 – Waiting for key 2 – Continuous 3 – On/Off Modulation 4 – Modulation 5 – Fault 6 – Aborted

** Analogue and digital modulation states are independent. To switch from analogue to digital modulation it is necessary to disable analogue and enable digital.

8. Cobolt Monitor software

The Cobolt Monitor software provides a graphical way to monitor the laser performance and to change power, operation mode and other settings. The software works with Windows Vista, XP, and 7 and requires Microsoft .NET 2.0 or higher to run. The software can connect to the laser either via RS-232 (MLD only) port or via USB. One GUI should be used per data port. The software is different for the MLD and DPL lasers. For instructions on connecting the laser and installing the USB driver, see section 7.4.

8.1. Cobolt Monitor for MLD - 3.X.X.X

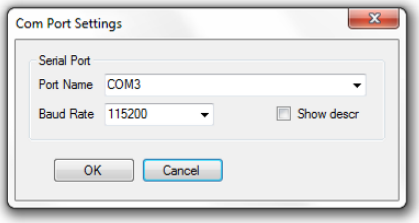
8.1.1 Installation

Microsoft .NET 2.0 or higher is required to run the Cobolt Monitor software, and this will be installed automatically if you do not already have the correct version. Follow the following steps to install the software:

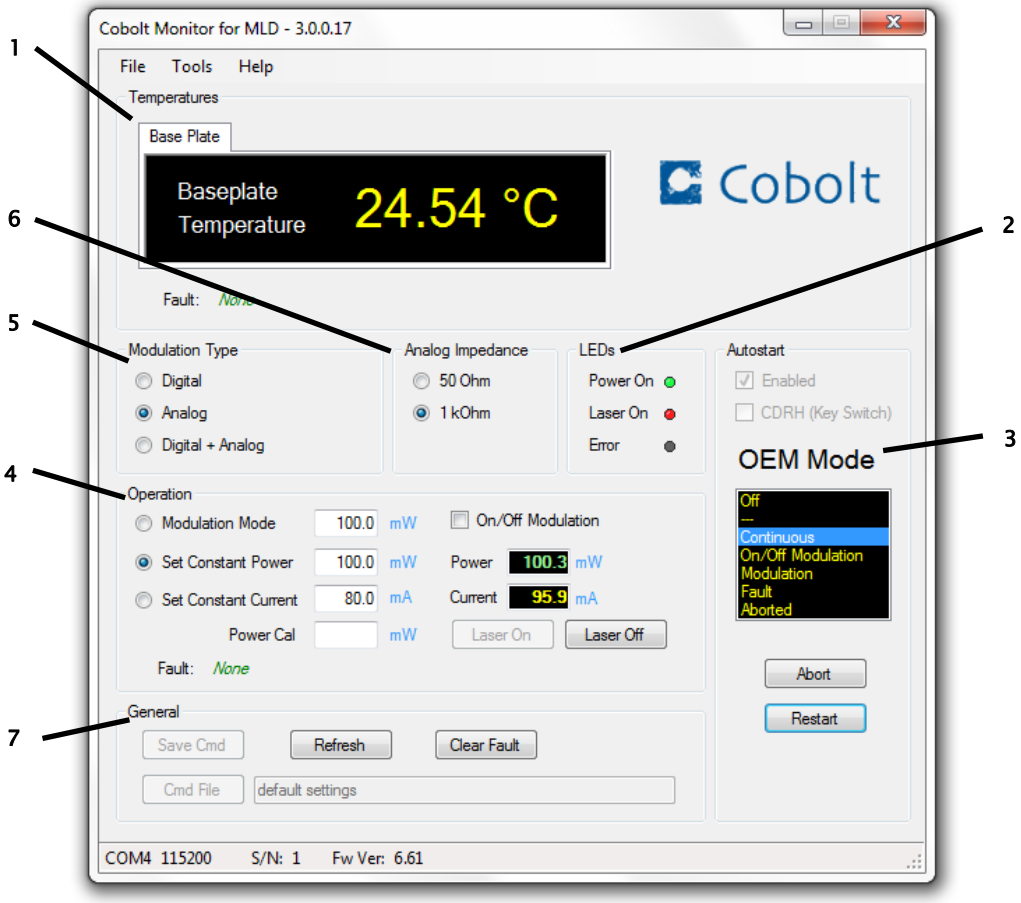
1. Extract the archive and run the **setup** file.
2. **Accept** the Microsoft .NET framework EULA.
3. Setup will now connect to the internet and download Microsoft .NET if it is required.
4. After a few security screens, setup will install .NET and Cobolt Monitor MLD. A shortcut to the monitor software will be placed on the desktop and the program will run.

8.1.2 Software instructions

With the laser connected and powered, select "Options" from the "Tools" menu. The "Port name" drop-down box shows a list of available COM ports. Select the port which the laser is connected to and click OK. If the laser is connected via USB, it usually has the highest COM port number.



To connect to the laser, choose "Connect" from the "File" menu. The window should now show the correct laser status along with various readings such as the laser power and current. The different sections of the user interface are described below.



1. The **Temperatures** section displays the temperature of the Laser Head's base plate along with the fault status for the laser's internal thermoelectric cooler (TEC).
2. The **LEDs** section displays the LEDs that are currently illuminated on the Control Box. These are displayed even if the laser is in OEM mode.

POWER	Green	Power is supplied.
ON	Orange	Laser emission is on. This light is always on in modulation mode if laser emission is possible.
ERROR	Red	An error has occurred.

3. The **Autostart** section displays whether Autostart is enabled and if the laser is in CDRH or OEM mode. This section also displays the current laser status. There are buttons to abort the autostart sequence or restart the laser.
4. Under the **Operation** section, the user can switch between modulation mode, constant power mode, and constant current mode. The box to the right of the Modulation Mode check box allows the user to set the peak power in digital or on/off modulation mode. Likewise, there are boxes to set the constant power level and constant current level. The output power (as monitored measured on an internal photodiode) and the current through the laser diode are both displayed. The user is also given the ability to calibrate the internal power monitor using the "Power Cal" box. To use this, measure the power externally and enter the value into this box.

5. The **Modulation Type** section allows the user to select which type of modulation is used when the laser is in the modulation operation mode. Note that on/off modulation is not a choice here, because on/off modulation operates simultaneously with whatever mode was previously selected.
6. The **Analogue Impedance** section allows the user to set the internal impedance value to match that of the signal generator.
7. Under **General** there is a "Clear Fault" button. This can be used to restart the laser after the interlock has been removed and re-inserted. There is also a 'Refresh' button that is used to update the display in the GUI after issuing manual commands.

8.2. Cobolt Monitor for DPL - 4.X.X.X

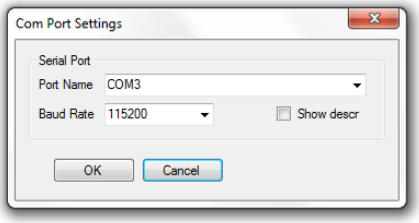
8.2.1 Installation

Cobolt Monitor 4.X.X.X is a stand-alone executable and can be run from any storage device. To obtain the software, download it from www.cobolt.se. Microsoft .NET is common on most modern windows PC's but if necessary it can be downloaded here: http://www.microsoft.com/net/downloads

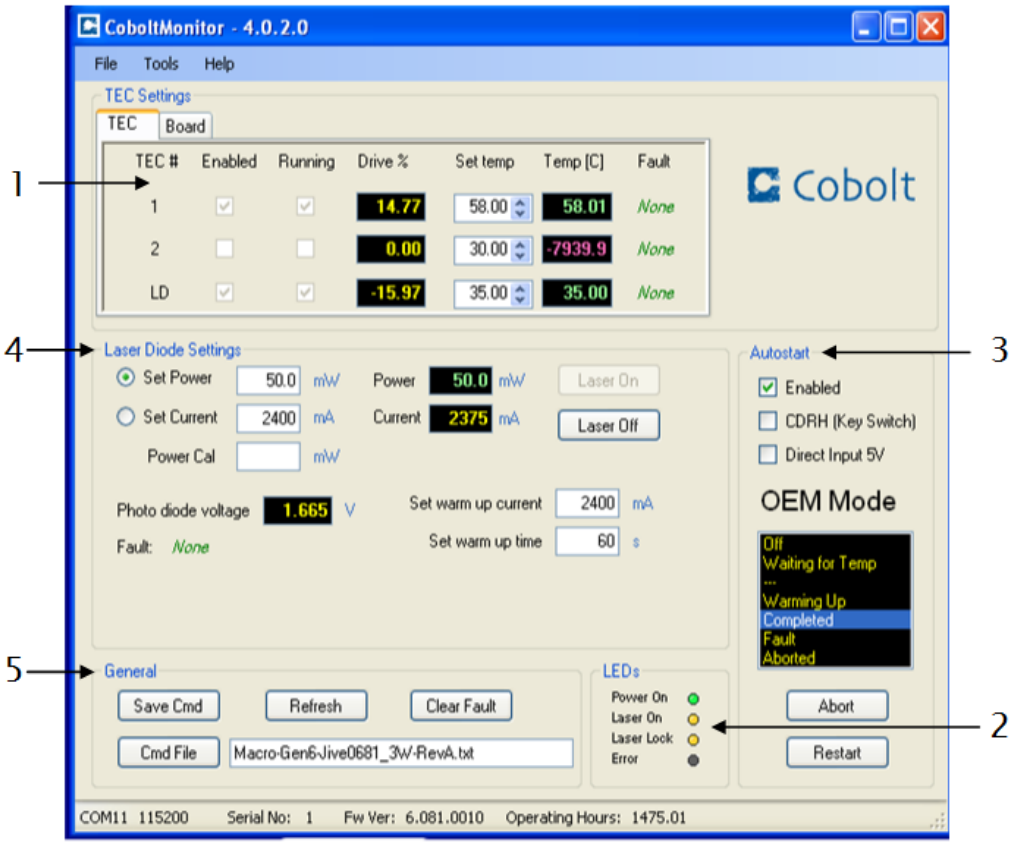
1. Extract the archive to the desired storage device.
2. Open 'CoboltMonitor06-81.exe'.

8.2.2 Software instructions

With the laser connected and powered, select "Options" from the "Tools" menu. The "Port name" drop-down box shows a list of available COM ports. Select the port which the laser is connected to and click OK. The laser is connected via USB and it usually has the highest COM port number.



To connect to the laser, choose "Connect" from the "File" menu. The window should now show the correct laser status along with various readings such as the laser power and current. The different sections of the user interface are described below.



1. The **TEC Settings** section displays the temperature of the Laser Head's three internal thermoelectric coolers (TECs) along with the fault status.
2. The **LEDs** section displays the lasers status. These are displayed even if the laser is in OEM mode. Note that in the DPL case the LED section does not correspond to any physical LED's.

POWER	Green	Power is supplied.
ON	Orange	Laser emission is on. This light is always on in modulation mode if laser emission is possible.
Laser Lock	Orange	Laser light is on and the output power has been locked to set-point.
ERROR	Red	An error has occurred.

3. The **Autostart** section displays whether Autostart is enabled or not, if the laser is in CDRH or OEM mode and if the 5V direct input is enable or not. This section also displays the current laser status. There are also buttons to abort the auto-start sequence or restart the laser.
4. Under the **Laser Diode Settings** section, the user can switch constant power mode, and constant current mode. Corresponding enter boxes are found to allow the user to set the constant power level and constant current level. The output power (as monitored measured on an internal photodiode) and the current through the laser diode are both displayed.
5. Under **General** there is a "Clear Fault" button. This can be used to restart the laser after the interlock has been removed and re-inserted. There is also a 'Refresh' button that is used to update the display in the GUI after issuing manual commands.

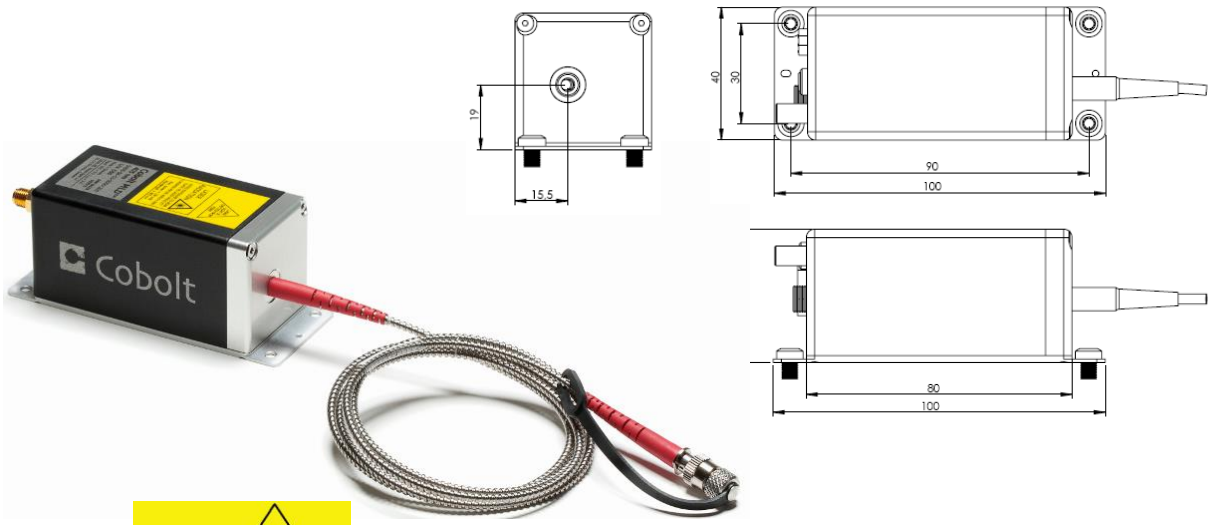
9. Fiber pigtailed option: Cobolt MLD 06-03

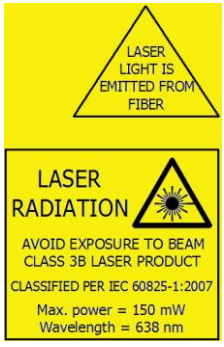
The Cobolt MLD Series lasers of high performance diode laser modules can be supplied with an ultra-compact and robust fiber delivery option; Cobolt MLD 06-03. The fiber is permanently aligned and fixed inside the laser sub-package, using Cobolt HTCure Technology, ensuring stable optical output and high polarization extinction ratio (PER>100:1) over a large temperature range, as well as very high level of insensitivity to transport conditions. The standard 06-03 configuration is 1 m SM/PM fiber with 3 mm jacketing and FC/APC output connector (non-collimated), but the design is intended for OEM use and type of fiber, connector and lengths can be customized. The output power is specified as out of the fiber. The fiber is equipped with a removable end cap on the. The fiber end cap serves as the mechanical shutter of the laser system.

It is important to always make sure the fiber end-face is clean before turning the laser on and before connecting the fiber connector in physical contact with another connector. Failure to do so may lead to irreparable damage of the fiber end-face. Do not clean the fiber when the laser is on. We recommend using appropriate equipment for fiber cleaning and inspection.

All safety instructions in section 2 of this manual also apply to fiber pigtailed lasers.

Please refer to the Cobolt website for updated information on available output power models from the Cobolt MLD 06-03 models. Cobolt DPL lasers are not available with the fiber pigtailed option.

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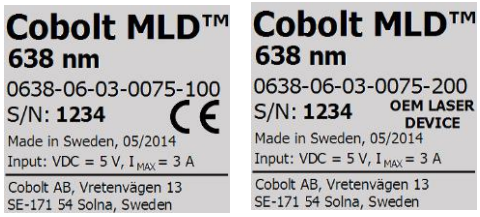
Wavelength = 638 nm

Example Hazard Symbol and Aperture Label



Manufacturer's identification labels:

(right) CDRH model, (left) OEM model

10. Troubleshooting

Below are some possible problems along with a list of things to check if the problem occurs.

No laser emission after 3 minutes from start-up

- Verify the interlock is connected and restart the laser.
- Verify that autostart is enabled. Click the restart button in the Monitor software or send the command "@cob1" to force a restart of the laser.
- Ensure the laser has adequate heat sinking.
- Verify the supply voltage is within the range stated in section 3.6.
- **MLD Only:** Check the base plate temperature (this is displayed in the Cobolt Monitor software). If it is outside of the range 20-50 °C the laser may take longer to stabilize the temperature, or be unable to do so.
- **MLD Only:** Remove any connector from the ON/OFF MOD socket on the Control Box (or pin 6 on the Laser Head's D-SUB in OEM mode). Make sure the laser is not in modulation mode (in the software or with the "cp" command) then restart the laser.
- Send the command "f?"
- If fault code 1 is returned, check that the heat sink is adequate and that the ambient temperature is under 40 °C.
- If fault code 3 is returned, see interlock fault checklist.
- If fault code 4 is returned, there may be a problem with the constant power system.
- Contact Cobolt technical support.

Interlock fault

- If using a custom interlock system, connect the Cobolt-supplied interlock plug to check whether the interlock is correctly wired. This interlock should be connected as described in section 5.3.
- In the software, check that "Interlock Fault" is not displayed. Send the command "ilk?" to confirm the interlock is not open (returns a 1 if closed).
- If it is verified that the interlock system is closed yet an interlock fault is returned, contact Cobolt technical support.

Laser emission stops

- Ensure the laser has adequate heat sinking.
- **MLD Only:** Check the base plate temperature (this is displayed in the Cobolt Monitor software). If it is outside of the range 20-50 °C the laser may take longer to stabilize the temperature, or be unable to do so.
- Check that the interlock is connected.
- Send the command "f?"
- If fault code 1 is returned, check that the heat sink is adequate and that the ambient temperature is under 40 °C.
- If fault code 3 is returned, see interlock fault checklist.
- If fault code 4 is returned, there may be a problem with the constant power system.
- Contact Cobolt technical support.

Low power

- Check that the laser is in constant power mode (using the GUI or the "cp" command).
- Check the power reading using the GUI or the "pa?" command.
- **MLD Only:** If this does not agree with the real output power, re-calibrate by measuring the power and entering it in the "Power Cal" box in the software.
- **MLD Only:** Remove any connector from the ON/OFF MOD socket on the Control Box (or pin 6 on the Laser Head's D-SUB in OEM mode) then restart the laser.
- Send the command "f?" If fault code 4 is returned, there may be a problem with the constant power system.
- Contact Cobolt technical support.

11. Warranty and maintenance

The Cobolt lasers should not be opened for any reason. The warranty will be void if any of the system units are opened. All laser parameters are set at the factory, and there are no adjustments required (other than those described in this manual for operating in different modulation modes and at different power levels).

11.1. MLD

Cobolt provides a system warranty of 12 months after delivery with unlimited hours of operation expect on 638nm and 660nm MLD which has a 12 month warranty or 5000 hour limited warranty whichever comes first. The laser systems are designed for modular replacement or repair in the event that the Laser Head or Control Box malfunctions. Warranty is invalid if the laser system is operated outside of the specific limits and conditions as outlined in this document.

11.2. DPL

Cobolt provides a system warranty of 12 months after delivery with unlimited hours of operation. Warranty is invalid if the laser system is operated outside of the specific limits and conditions as outlined in this document.

12. Service

Due to accuracy tolerances, calibration differences and allowed power drift there may be discrepancies between the Cobolt measurement of the optical output power and the customer measurement equipment. If the output power deviates from the reported value please contact your local Cobolt representative for an online re-calibration.

If the laser does not function, do not attempt to open any of the units, or the warranty will be voided. Call or e-mail your local Cobolt representative for consultancy and to request an RMA number (see back cover for contact information). If an RMA number is issued and the laser needs to be shipped back to Cobolt or your local representative, please pack the complete system for shipment using the original package or equivalent. Ensure the unit is free from thermal paste before packing. The warranty covers repair or replacing the unit at the option of Cobolt.

13. Declaration of Conformity (CDRH modes only)

The CDRH model lasers (-100) are designed and manufactured to comply with the EC Low Voltage Directive and the EC EMC Directive in the CDRH-compliant configuration of Laser Head, Control Box, 1m VGA cable (MLD) or 1m Molex cable (DPL) and Cobolt-supplied power supply. All equipment must be mounted on a common ground plane, such as an optical table. The equipment might not conform to the EC directives if any part of the supplied equipment is replaced with a part not supplied by Cobolt or if the equipment is not properly grounded. Disabling the key-switch nullifies the CE marking as this violates the laser safety standard.

CE

The following harmonized standards are in use:

Electrical Safety:	EN 61010-1, IEC-61010-1, UL 61010-1
Laser Safety/Class:	IEC-60825-1 , CDRH 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11
EMC:	IEC 61326-1 EN55011 class A EN61000-4-X, where X=2,3,4,5,6 and 11 FCC Part 15, subpart B, class A

All Cobolt MLD and DPL lasers are RoHS compliant as defined by the EU Directive 2011/65/EU.

14. Disclaimers

Cobolt will assume no responsibility for damage incurred by faulty customer equipment, such as measurement equipment, cables etc, used in conjunction with Cobolt lasers. Cobolt makes no warranty of any kind with regard to the information contained in this guide, included but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability and suitability for a particular purpose. Cobolt shall not be liable for errors contained herein nor for incidental or consequential damages from the furnishing of this information. No part in this manual may be copied, reproduced, recorded, transmitted, or translated without the express written permission by Cobolt.

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